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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (f) was taken at the 36th, 40th and 41st meetings, on 10, 24 and 25 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.36, 40 and 41).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.33 and A/C.2/53/L.43

2. At the 36th meeting, on 10 November, at the request of the representative of Indonesia, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors, namely, the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, as well as the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/C.2/53/L.33), which read:

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"*The General Assembly,*

"*Recalling* its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994, 50/124 of 20 December 1995, 51/176 of 16 December 1996, and 52/188 of 18 December 1997 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"*Also recalling* that in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 52/188, the General Assembly decided to convene a special session for a duration of three days from 30 June to 2 July 1999, at the highest possible level of participation, in order to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"*Further recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/8 of 23 July 1998 on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

"2. *Reaffirms* that the special session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

"3. *Stresses* the need for the effective participation of actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, in preparation for the special session, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements, in accordance to the practice and experience gained at the International Conference on Population and Development, for their substantive contributions to and active involvement in the preparatory meetings and the special session, and invites the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to propose to Member States appropriate modalities for their effective involvement in the special session;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to assist developing countries, particularly least developed countries, in sending representatives to the thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, which is to serve as the preparatory meeting for the special session of the General Assembly, and to the special session itself;

"5. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the special session;

"7. *Decides* to include an item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development' in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session."

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/C.2/53/L.43), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43 (see para. 10).

5. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the observer for Switzerland made a statement (see A/C.2/53/SR.40).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft decision A/C.2/53/L.45

7. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund" (A/C.2/53/L.45).

8. At the 41st meeting, on 25 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Burak Özügergin (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft decision.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/53/L.45 (see para. 11).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994, 50/124 of 20 December 1995, 51/176 of 16 December 1996, and 52/188 of 18 December 1997 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1]

Also recalling that in paragraph 2 of its resolution 52/188, the General Assembly decided to convene a special session for a duration of three days, from 30 June to 2 July 1999, at the highest possible level of participation, to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/8 of 23 July 1998 on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[2]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;[2]

2. *Reaffirms* that the special session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

3. *Stresses* the need for the effective participation of actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, in the preparations for the special session, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements, taking into account the practice and experience gained at the International Conference on Population and Development, for their substantive contributions to and active involvement in the preparatory meetings and the special session, and invites the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to propose to Member States appropriate modalities for their effective involvement in the special session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to assist developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, in sending representatives to the thirty-third session of the Commission on Population and Development, which is to serve as the preparatory meeting for the special session of the General Assembly, and to the special session of the General Assembly from 30 June to 2 July 1999 on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

5. *Decides* that the thirty-third session of the Commission on Population and Development, meeting as the preparatory committee for the special session, shall be open-ended to allow the full participation of all States;

6. *Invites* all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute, as appropriate, to the special session as well as to its preparation;

7. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not Members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the special session;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the sub-item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

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11. The Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

[2] A/53/407.

Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund

The General Assembly decides to allocate a plenary meeting during its fifty-fourth session to the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund, under the item entitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: cultural development

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Addendum

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (g) was taken at the 38th and 40th meetings, on 12 and 24 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.38 and 40).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

2. At the 38th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of *Uruguay*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Cultural development" (A/C.2/53/L.35).

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew its attention to the following revisions agreed upon as a result of those consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "Member States" were replaced by the word "States";

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(b) In operative paragraph 4, the words "in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" were inserted after the words "the Secretary-General".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35, as orally revised (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Cultural development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/87 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/79 of 16 December 1996 and 52/197 of 18 December 1997 on cultural development,

Taking note of the fact that public opinion throughout the world as well as Governments and non-governmental organizations have become much more sensitive to the need for better integration of the cultural dimension into the entire development process, as a result of the World Decade for Cultural Development[1] and the work of the World Commission on Culture and Development,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the active participation of Member States, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in the implementation of projects of national, regional and interregional scope aiming at the promotion of the objectives of the Decade and its follow-up, and in the work of the World Commission,

Taking note of the convening of the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development, held at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[2]

2. *Invites* all States, intergovernmental bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

(a) To implement the recommendations of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted by the Stockholm Conference;

(b) To cooperate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the purpose of ensuring effective follow-up to the Action Plan;

(c) To intensify their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity, taking into account their cultural values and identity;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue its ongoing task of promoting throughout the United Nations system a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development, taking into account the diversity of cultures and the need to apply the recommendations of the Stockholm Conference;

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[1] See resolution 41/187.

[2] A/53/321.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.